

Capsule Summary

Inventory No. CARR-1670

Abraham Hull Farm
4015 Arter's Mill Rd.
Carroll County, MD
Ca. 1750s-1950s
Access: Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	Abraham Hull Farm (pref.)
other	Lemon's Choice and Lemon's Range (original tracts)

2. Location

street and number	4015 Arter's Mill Rd.	not for publication
city, town	Westminster	<u>X</u> vicinity
county	Carroll	

3. Owner of Property (gives names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Matthew G. and Joanne R. Pinkas				
street and number	4015 Arter's Mill Rd.			telephone	
city, town	Westminster	state	MD	zip code	21158

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Carroll Co.			liber	1723	folio	86
city, town	Westminster	tax map	11	tax parcel	71	tax ID number	

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing Resource in National Register District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
<input type="checkbox"/>	Recorded by HABS/HAER
<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other: Not previously recorded

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count			
	district		public	X	agriculture		landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
X	building(s)	X	private		commerce/trade		recreation/culture	7	3
	structure		both		defense		religion		buildings
	site			X	domestic		social		sites
	object				education		transportation		structures
					funerary		work in progress	7	3
					government		unknown		objects
					health care		vacant/not in use		Total
					industry		other:		
								Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
								0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary:

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Description:

The Abraham Hull Farm is located on the east side of Arter's Mill Road, surrounded by scenic farmland. Silver Run crosses the south end of the property. A small unnamed stream flows across the west side of the property into Silver Run. A pond is located between the stream and the farmhouse. A hill rises from the rolling farmland just southeast of the run. The driveway leads to the two major brick farm buildings; the bank barn to the north and the two-story L-shaped dwelling to the south.

The five-bay main façade of the farmhouse faces west. The seamless north wall across the main house and the ell suggests a single building period. A porch with square pillars wraps around the west and north sides of the entire house. The west side of the porch floor is of frame construction while the north side is of poured concrete. The ell running east from the north end of the rear measures two bays long on the north side, with an entrance in the western bay. The ell's three-bay south side includes an inset galleried porch.

The central-entrance house has an interior brick chimney at either end, as well as one at the east end of the ell. The 6/6 sash windows are topped with wooden corner-block lintels and flanked by louvered shutters. A pair of four-pane windows lights the attic at each gable end. All roofs are covered with metal. The masonry is laid in Flemish bond on the front and 5:1 common bond elsewhere. The main façade and the north side of the ell have molded brick cornices.

The floor plan consists of a pair of parlors on either side of the central stair hall. The front parlors each have a fireplace. The original mantels and fireplace surrounds have been remodeled. The architraves are trimmed with quirk-ogee moldings. The south parlor, now a den, retains a panel of stenciling above a doorway marked "Aug. Riffle Littlestown PA 1896". The stairway's rounded newel post swells slightly at its center. The step ends are decorated with swirled cuts. Pairs of square balusters support the banister.

The second floor architraves are trimmed with ovolo moldings. The doors are built with six raised panels on one side and flat panels on the back. The attic was not accessible.

The ell's single large room, the kitchen, has a remodeled fireplace. A door at either level of the south side opens onto the porch. The brick enclosure at the east end of the galleried porch provides a small square storage room on either floor.

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As the ground slopes downhill the south side of the fieldstone cellar is exposed. The cellar is ventilated by two small openings filled with horizontal wooden bars, one at the west end of the south side and one on the east side. The south vent has heavy pegged framing topped by a flat brick arch. The east vent has been covered with a six-pane window. Similar vents in the west wall are now blocked by the porch.

A batten door at the east end of the south side leads into the brick-floored cellar. Here log joists hewn on two sides are visible. A spring emerging at the north end flows through a concrete trough in the floor, running underground and reappearing south of the house from a pipe that empties into an old bathtub. A brick chimney base adjoining the spring was built with a large relieving arch fitted with three wooden shelves, parts of which remain.

The cellar and second floor construction features appear to date from the very early 19th century, whereas the corner-block lintels and quirk-ogee trim are usually found in the second quarter of the century. It is difficult to determine whether this represents a later remodeling of an early house or a mix of features from a single building period in about the 1820's. In either case this dwelling may be a rebuilding of an even earlier structure built over the spring. The attic may yield further clues.

The brick bank barn's six-arch forebay faces south. The barn is set into a natural bank which allows access to both levels. A modern frame and metal loafing shed adjoins the west end. A mid-20th century concrete block milk house stands at the southeast corner. The remains of a fieldstone wall which enclosed the barnyard extend from the milk house. A hog pen, with an opening through the wall to allow the hogs access to the barnyard, and a chicken house once abutted the stone wall's south side. The rest of the wall was used to fill in the low, swampy barnyard several decades ago.

The barn's east gable end collapsed in the mid-20th century and was rebuilt with boards cut on the farm. The barn rests on a fieldstone foundation, except where the lower level is brick for about the south third of the east and west ends. These are solid walls except where a door was later cut through the east end. The brickwork bonds into the stone foundation in several steps.

The forebay's brick piers stand on stone plinths. This area is paved with concrete. The white-painted arches spring from about half the depth of the pier. The wall under the forebay behind the arches is also built of brick. Dutch barn doors correspond with the arches, alternating with louvered ventilation panels. Hewn joists supporting the floor above the forebay are set into a plate that runs along the inside of the arched wall.

The eastern three arches were bricked half-height and fitted with windows several decades ago by the current owner Matthew Pinkas. This area was then rebuilt as a modern milking parlor with a concrete floor, iron stanchions, and automatic water fountains. The remaining lower level provided space for horses.

The upper level's central barn doors open into a threshing floor flanked by haymows with hay drops cut in the floor. The end of one haymow has been divided with a brick wall to form a granary. The horizontal boards forming the half-height wall of one haymow are inscribed

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"V.D.H. 1920" by Vernon D. Halter, a farm hand, according to Mr. Pinkas. The typical pegged hewn timber frame includes angle braces and hay ladders. Iron straps were bolted in later to tie the brick walls to the bents. A hay fork is located at the barn's apex.

Brick ventilation openings form diamonds on the south side and upper west end, square blocks on the north side (the east one now filled in with brick), and hourglass or sheaf-of-wheat shapes on the east and west ends. Small ventilation openings topped by white-painted brick relieving arches are located in the foundation's west and north sides. Two larger openings fitted with windows light the east end of the milking parlor. Two wooden slat vents and a door open into the south side of the upper level.

The barn roof is covered with metal. Although the property is no longer operated as a dairy farm the barn is maintained in good condition.

Other farm outbuildings include a small frame tenant house located east of the barn. The one-story gable-roofed structure has an entrance on the south. The board and batten house has a metal roof.

A concrete block hog pen and a frame chicken house stand alongside the driveway. A frame wagon shed with corncrib sides and a modern garage which replaced a woodshed are located north of the house. A small frame shed-roofed wash house with a brick chimney stands a few yards east of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates 1750s-1950s **Architect/Builder** unknown

Construction dates c.1820 (house); c.1830 (barn)

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary:

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Significance:

The Abraham Hull Farm stands on a tract formed from the early land patents of "Lemon's Choice" and "Lemon's Range". This is a corruption or pun based on the owner John Lehman's name. German immigrant Andreas Hol, anglicized to Andrew Hull, first purchased 200 acres of the 1737 patent "Lemmon's Choice" from his fellow countryman John "Lemmon" and his wife Arian in 1753.¹ When Hull resurveyed 310 acres of "Leman's Choice" in 1788 to include additional small land purchases the agreement was signed by John Leman and Andras Holl.²

In 1791 Andreas Hol signed his will in German script. He wrote, 'I give and bequeath unto Andrew Hull my well beloved Son my dwelling Plantation with two hundred and Sixty acres...' Hull instructed his son to care for his wife Catrine, specifying that Andrew Jr. should annually provide her with bread, pork, beef, a "good warm room", firewood, cows, sheep, "30 pounds of Good Hackled flax", "two Hogsheads of syder (sic) with five Gallons of Brandy in each Hogshead", salt, a riding horse, apples, and the cash from selling five bushels each of wheat, rye, and corn. Andrew Jr. was also directed, "...if my said wife should live to be so old that she should be Helpless he... shall find her a Nurse to Tend upon her at his own cost." These

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provisions show Andrew Sr.'s concern for his wife's welfare, and also that Andrew Jr.'s inheritance of the estate was contingent on his care for Catrine. The goods specified indicate the range of farming activities on the property in the late 18th century.³

Catrine died in 1804, and Andrew Jr. operated the farm until his death in 1816.⁴ Of Hull's seven sons, it was Abraham who took over the farm. Although John, Peter, and Abraham Hull bought out the other heirs' share of "... the late dwelling plantation of their father Andrew Hull... on the waters of Silver Run & containing about two hundred and sixty six acres of land..."⁵ only Abraham was taxed for "200 acres part Lemon Choice part of Lemon Range Good Brick house last assessed to Andrew Hull" in 1825.⁶ It appears likely that Abraham built the brick house after settling his father's estate in 1818 and before the 1825 assessment.

In 1835 Abraham Hull was taxed for "200 acres part Lemon's Choice & Lemon's Range Brick House and barn".⁷ The barn was therefore clearly built between 1825 and 1835. This fine brick structure would have been expensive to build, and in 1838 Hull was forced to sell the majority of the farm to George Koontz to pay his creditors.⁸ The Westminster Carrolltonian described the property: "... contains 155 acres, a two-story dwelling house 45x27', with Spring and Dairy in cellar of the house; a large Brick Switzer barn 82x50' and outbuildings... adjoining tan-yard property of Peter Hull, Esq."⁹

The farm as surveyed actually contained 148 ½ acres. The 1880 census described Koontz (71) as a retired farmer, living with his sons William D. (39, and wife Ellenora, 24) and Emanuel (28), both described as farmers, and George A. (25), John (23), and Alonzo (21), termed laborers. Emma Kamp (16) was a servant.

This 148 ½ acre tract of land passed intact through several owners until it was purchased by the Pinkases in 1959. They operated a dairy farm on the property for many years but now they lease the majority of the land.

The farmhouse shows architectural features usually associated with two different time periods: very early 19th century and the second quarter of the 19th century. It is unusual to see a dwelling built over a spring later than circa 1800, and this house may have been built on the site of an earlier structure.

The brick bank barn is unique in this area. Although several barns feature arched forebay end openings at the lower level, no other example of an arcade of forebay arches is known to exist. This is a well-detailed well-preserved building.

Note: For Historical Context, please refer to *An Agricultural History of Mid-Maryland*, a Maryland Historical Trust grant funded context development project administered through The Catoctin Center for Regional Studies, 2002-2003.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Frederick Co. MD Land Records and Wills.

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Horvath, George J. Jr. The Particular Assessment Lists for Baltimore and Carroll Counties 1798. Silver Spring, MD: Family Line Publications, 1986.

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia: Lewis H. Everts, 1882.

Tracey, Arthur G. Notes on Early Maryland Land Patents: Historical Society of Carroll Co., Westminster, MD.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 145.94 acres

Acreage of historical setting 20 acres

Quadrangle name Littlestown Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The surveyed property is described in Carroll County Deed Book 1723, page 86.

11. Form Prepared by

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¹ Frederick Co. Deed Book E/187, 1753.

² Frederick Co. Deed Book WR-8/194, 1788.

³ Frederick Co. Wills GM-2/302, 1791.

⁴ Frederick Co. Administrative Accounts HS-3/128, 1816. See also Hull Family File: Historical Society of Carroll Co., letter from Gary E. Myer-Bruggey to Mrs. Lillian E. Vitolo, 1983.

⁵ Frederick Co. Deed Books JS-4/539-546(1817) & JS-6/436(1818).

⁶ Frederick Co. Tax Assessment, 1825, District 7.

⁷ Frederick Co. Tax Assessment, 1835, District 7A.

⁸ Carroll Co. Deed Book WW-2/312 & 146.

⁹ Abstracts of Carroll County Newspapers 1831-1846, (Family Line Publications, Westminster, MD), p. 50.

small
unnamed
stream

tenant house

new
loafing
shed

milk
house

well

bank barn

site of stone wall

wagon
shed

former corn crib

former
hog pen

hog
house

chicken
house

garage

farmhouse

wash house

former
smoke house

pond

spring

Silver Run

Arter's Mill Road

SITE PLAN

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TEN FARMS

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SAWAZA FARMS

MATTHEW G. PINKAS
308/385
145.94 A.
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Carroll Co. Tax Assess.
Map 11, parcel 71

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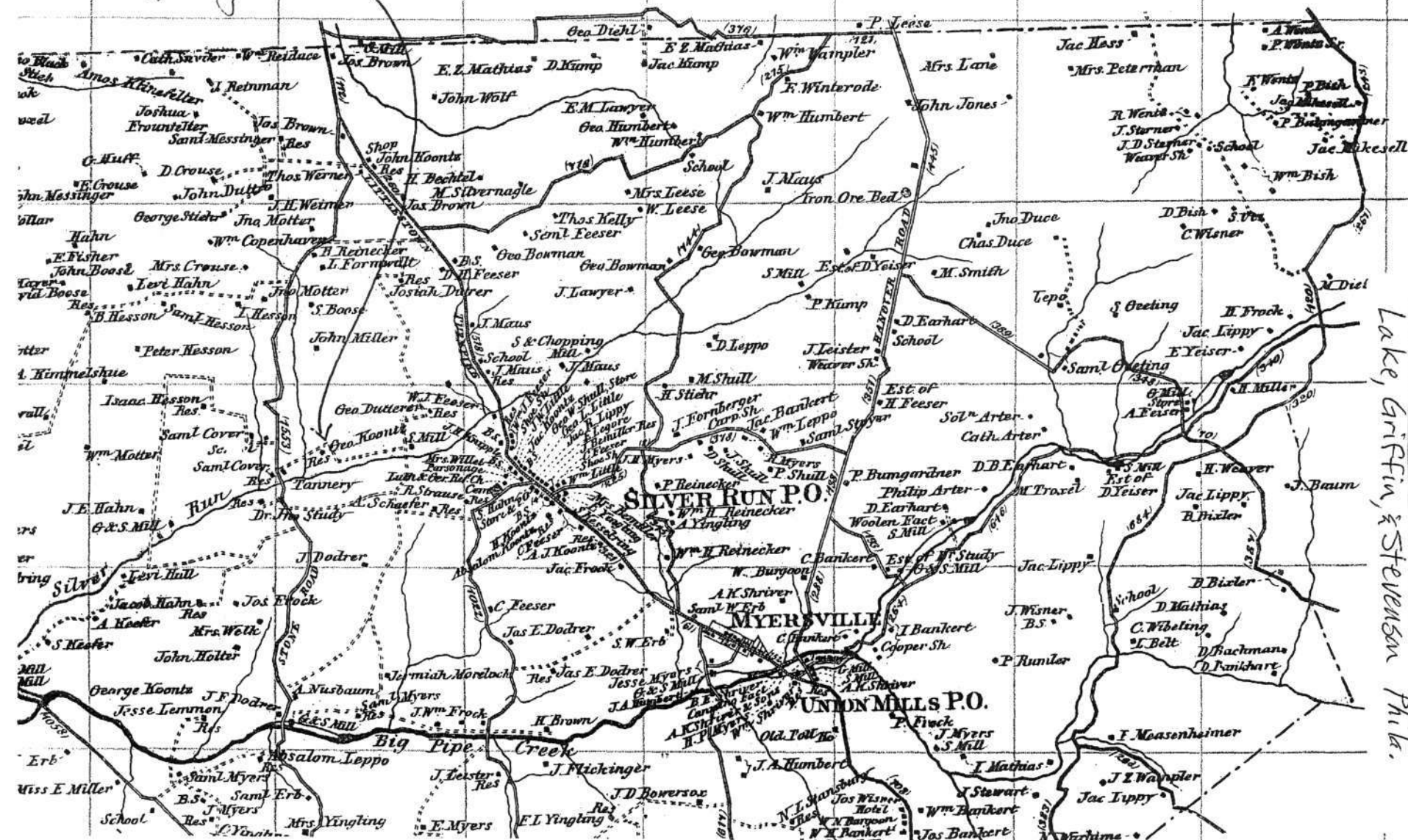
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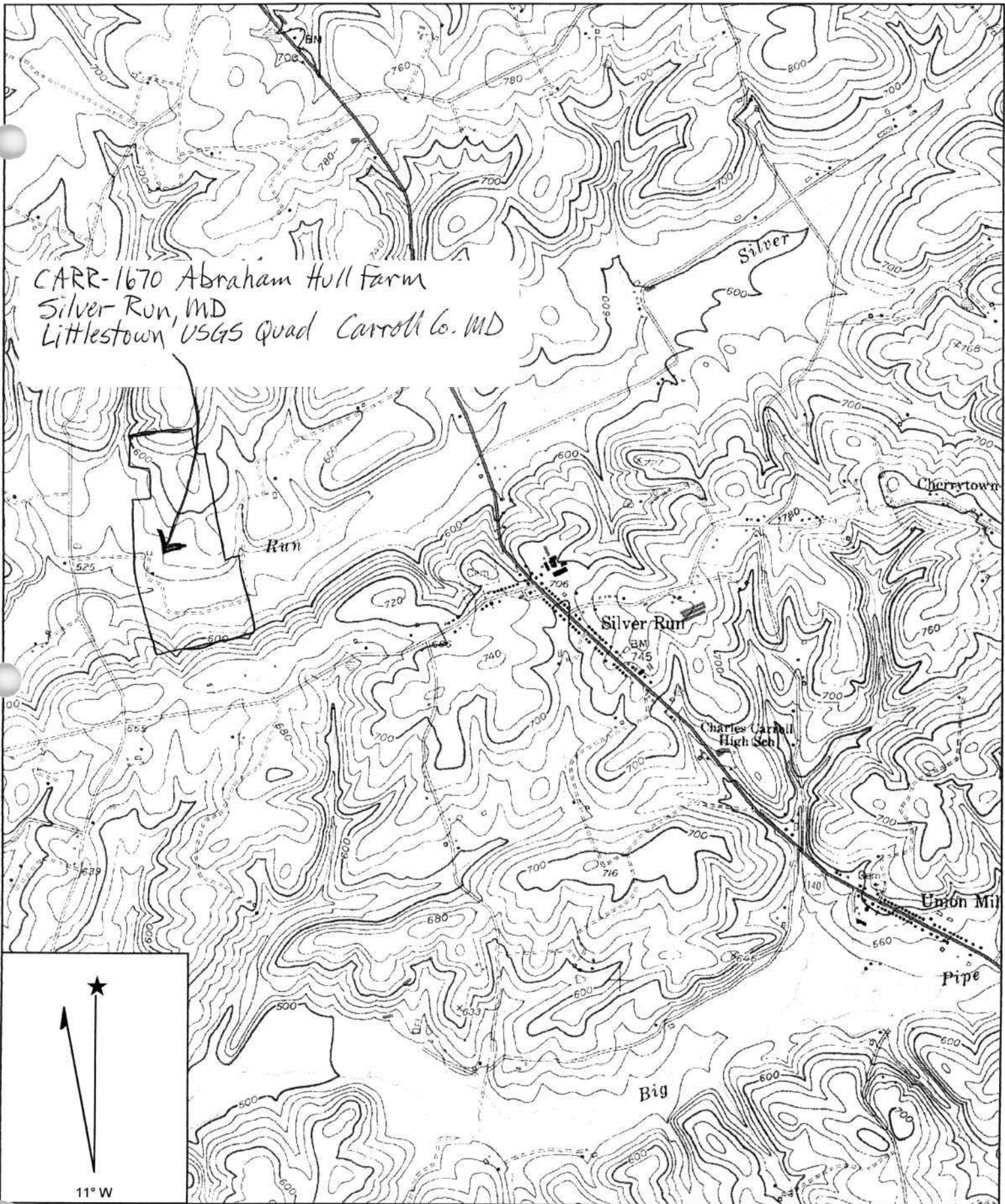
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Scale 1 1/2 inches to the Mile

George Koontz



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 1877 Atlas of Carroll Co.
 Lake, Griffin, & Stevenson Phila.



Name: LITTLESTOWN
Date: 7/7/2003
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 40' 59.1" N 077° 02' 55.0" W



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Abraham Holl farm

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W. elevs.

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house: s.elev.

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E. elev. & wash house

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E. & N. elev.

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barn, S. elev.; wagon shed

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barn forebay arch

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barn foundation: w/lev

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barn foundation: w. elev.

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barn: N & W elev.

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barn: E & Nelevs.

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barn interior

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